

Salamonie Reservoir Bridle Trail



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Horseback Riding

At Salamonie Reservoir, horseback riders are invited to experience over 19 miles of trails through scenic vistas of meadows, forests and water. Bridle trails cross several creeks, climb hills, and travel through forests and grasslands.

Riders visiting Salamonie should ride with an ethical philosophy. Abuses such as littering and riding off of marked trails are damaging to the natural ecosystems, which are provided for the enjoyment of all citizens. Bridle trails are maintained by the DNR in partnership with the Indiana Trail Riders Association.

Rules for Horseback Riders

- Riders are required to stay on marked trails at all times. Trail markers are on the right side of the trail as a rider is traveling away from Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area (SRA) and will be on the left side as the rider is traveling toward Lost Bridge West SRA. Trail areas are monitored by Law Enforcement for compliance.
- All horseback riders riding at Salamonie Reservoir and the Salamonie River State Forest are required to have an annual or daily horse trail permit valid for the day they are riding. Horse trail permits can be purchased at the Salamonie Visitor Center, Interpretive Center, or Gatehouse.
- Day riders are permitted to park in the dayuse parking lots (i.e. day-use areas) in the Salamonie River State Forest, Dora-New Holland SRA and at the Lost Bridge West SRA only. Overnight camping is not permitted in day-use areas. Day-use areas are only open between sunrise and sunset.
- There are no motorized vehicles allowed on the Bridle Trail except for snowmobiles during legal snowmobiling season.

- It is unlawful to tie horses to trees on DNR property.
- Owners of unruly animals causing disturbances may be asked to leave DNR property without a refund.

Trail and Property Uses

Salamonie Reservoir is a multiple-use property managed by the DNR for a variety of public recreational opportunities. Expect to see other users such as hunters, fishermen, hikers, and snowmobilers using the Bridle Trail. The bridle trail is also signed for snowmobile use.

Night riding and riding in wet weather is discouraged because of its hazardous nature.

Riders are encouraged to wear hunter orange from November through January.

It is unsafe to ride horses on property roads except at intersections with mapped trails.

No horse rentals are available on the property.

Camping

Salamonie Reservoir offers a primitive (class C) horseman campground in the Lost Bridge West SRA. Hitch posts and manure bins are available for use at campsites and a shelter house is available. Lost Bridge West modern campground (class A) and Apple Orchard primitive family campground (class C) offer additional camping opportunities for campers without horses at the Lost Bridge West SRA.

The Salamonie River State Forest has a primitive (class C) horseman campground and a primitive (class C) family campground available. All campers must self-register upon arrival to the State Forest campgrounds. Horses are not allowed in family or modern campgrounds.